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SUBJECT:GENEVA GROUP: CONSULTATIONS ON U.S. EVALUATION PROPOSAL
REF.: A) GENEVA 7223; B) USUN 5781

1. PURSUANT TO A RECOMMENDATION AGREED UPON AT THE 11TH CONSULTATIVE MEETING OF THE GENEVA GROUP, THE U.S. INITIATED A SERIES OF INFORMAL TALKS WITH GG MEMBERS IN NEW YORK DURING MARCH AND APRIL. THE PURPOSE OF THESE FOLLOW-UP CONSULTATIONS WAS TO ELICIT ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON THE U.S. EVALUATION PROPOSAL WHICH PREVIOUSLY HAD BEEN TABLED IN GENEVA.

2. EIGHT COUNTRIES PARTICIPATED IN THESE DISCUSSIONS: CANADA, FRG, FRANCE, U.K., BELGIUM, ITALY, NETHERLANDS, AND AUSTRALIA. BASED UPON THE REPORTS OF THESE MEETINGS PREPARED BY USUN, THE COMMENTS MAY BE SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS IN DESCENDING ORDER OF FREQUENCY:

A. THE U.S. EVALUATION PROPOSAL IGNORES THE POLITICAL PROBLEMS INHERENT IN ATTACHING AN EVALUATION MECHANISM TO
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AN EXPERT BODY (ACPCM) AS PROPOSED BY THE DUTCH IN PLACE

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OF CPC (5 COUNTRIES).

B. THE U.S. PROPOSAL IGNORES EXISTING QTE EVALUATIVE TYPE UNQTE UNITS SUCH AS JIU, AMS, AND AUDIT BODIES (4).

C. A PREFERENCE EMERGED FOR BUILDING ON TO THE EXISTING JIU AN EXPANDED AND STRENGTHENED EVALUATION CAPABILITY (4).

D. THERE WAS CONCERN EXPRESSED ABOUT FINANCING THE U.S. PROPOSED EVALUATION UNIT, EXTERNAL EVALUATION SUPPORT STAFF (EESS), EXCLUSIVELY OUT OF THE UN REGULAR BUDGET (3).

E. THROUGH LINKAGE WITH AND REPORTING ONLY TO ACPCM AND ACABQ (NOT THE SA'S), THE ORIGINALLY PROPOSED EESS APPEARED TOO UN-ORIENTED (2).

F. EESS SHOULD NOT REPORT INDEPENDENTLY, BUT RATHER SHOULD SERVE THE NEEDS OF ACABQ AND ACPCM (1).

3. IN ADDITION TO THESE SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTS, CERTAIN GG MEMBERS DISCUSSED TACTICS. TWO COUNTRIES FELT THAT THE EVALUATION PROPOSAL WAS UNTIMELY FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE 1974 SUMMER SESSION OF ECOSOC AND TWO VOICED THE OPINION THAT PRIORITY ATTENTION SHOULD BE DIRECTED TOWARD QTE SAVING UNQTE ACABQ AT THE 29TH GA FROM LDC PRESSURES.

4. OUR INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT OF THESE VIEWS SUGGESTED THAT WHILE MOST GG MEMBERS SHARED A COMMON CONCERN FOR A MORE EFFECTIVE UN SYSTEM EVALUATION MECHANISM, THE NATURE OF THE SPECIFIC COMMENTS POINTED TOWARD THE NEED FOR FURTHER CAREFUL STUDY. ACCORDINGLY, AFTER DISCUSSING THE MATTER FURTHER WITH SELECTED GG MEMBERS AND OTHERS AT THE 29TH GA, THE U.S. HAS DECIDED TO JOIN OTHER INTERESTED MEMBERS IN SUPPORT OF THE APPROACH CONTAINED IN THE DUTCH-SPONSORED DRAFT DECISION (REFTEL B) CALLING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORKING GROUP BY THE 29TH GA THAT WILL INTER ALIA CONSIDER EVALUATION AND REPORT TO THE 30TH GA.

5. THIS DRAFT DECISION WITH MINOR CHANGES WAS APPROVED BY CONSENSUS BY FIFTH COMMITTEE DECEMBER 9 WITH 10 CO-SPONSORS NOT INCLUDING THE U.S. INGERSOLL

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